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MANY times I have wished to thank all those persons who have been so helpful in the production of our publication. Strangely enough, all have been glad of the opportunity to do the work.

ENTHUSIASM is, of course, the key to accomplishment as there is pleasure in doing a satisfactory piece of work. This even works in sports, which is proven by keeping up with the sports pages.

REMEMBERING, also, is part of the wonderful philosophy of Christmas. Surely we all know a 'shut in' who will particularly appreciate hearing from us! Perhaps a phone call, or better still, the best gift is the personal visit. Pastor Mohr of Silent Night made his visit.

RIGHT now we are happy to bring our eighth issue to you, hoping that you will appreciate the sincerity of our Christmas message. We felt that many would be interested in the birth of the Hymn of Peace, "Silent Night, Holy Night."

YOU, of course, are the readers we wish to please! Your criticism will be accepted in the spirit given and we shall attempt to profit by the same.

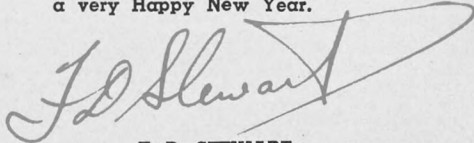
X CITING events will be forthcoming this year! We are charging past mistakes to experience and shall make use of all the facts gained. Our aim shall be to excite You, the readers into active participation and expression even though it may involve personal feelings.

MANY new faces have come to our Company in the last year and I feel that many of them are my friends. With new employees we also need to stress the Social Club as a worth while project within the company.

AT CHRISTMAS time, the one thing I really appreciate is renewing acquaintance with the extra staff who come back year after year. Throughout both stores can be seen many old friends all doing a wonderful job.

SO WE come to the end of another year. On looking back it was not such a bad old year. On looking forward, I see better relationships throughout the whole Company. This means enjoyment in achievement, enjoyment in work.

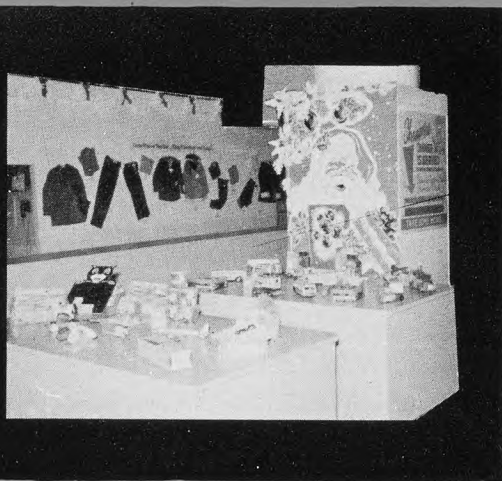
I wish you all the very best and a very Happy New Year.



F. D. STEWART,
EDITOR.



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CHRISTMAS
AT THE
CONTROL
STORE



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CONTROL STORE

Season's



We again approach the end of a busy and successful year—successful because you, the members of our staff, have made it so. To all of you everywhere—in our catalogue sales offices and in the control store—our deep appreciation and sincere thanks. We are grateful for your co-operation and loyal support and the conscientious way you have served our customers.

Our wish for each of you is that you may have the Merriest Christmas ever with your families and friends, and that you will enjoy good health and much happiness throughout the New Year.

J. E. Reid

Greetings



Christmas, with its gay and colourful decorations, its bright and beautiful windows, its throng of busy shoppers, is with us once again.

From the opening of Toytown to Christmas is a busy, sometimes trying, but mostly a happy time.

Through your efforts the Company has enjoyed a successful Fall and Christmas Season and I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone of you for your loyal support.

To each of you, my most sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy and Successful New Year.

W. E. Bell

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25 YEAR MEMBERS

Charlie Swift
Harvey Marshall



Elizabeth Malcolmson
William Anderson



Arthur Smith
Ted Lamb
Janet Mallory



Art Dodds
Jack Rodgers
George Yake



Emily Barton
Rod Sentt
Bill Langston
Fred Cheetham





Ruby Stancove

40 YEAR

MEMBER



Edna Gerstman
Joyce Newis



Kate Kennedy
Vi Greer
George Calder



Doris Nelson
Ruby McMartin
Bill Semple

35 YEAR MEMBERS



Mary Murray
Bill Morrison
Frank Dahorn



Rose Lapchuk
Dolly Graham
Joe Brunt
Marge Germaine



30 YEAR MEMBERS



Our Hospital Roster



Steve Senczyszyn, C & W.

Donald Wilson, Mgr. 813.

Lydia Geil, Op. 1.

Margaret Garry, Packing.

Laverne Gilstorf, Op. 4.

Ruth Berner, E. P. Coll.



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Jennie Robillard, Op 2, became the bride of Emmanuel Papenheim, at Carmichael United Church, on Nov. 15.

Georgina Schulhauser, Traffic, married to Roland Mackinak, at Blessed Sacrament Church on November 22nd, 1958.

Doreen McConnell, Tabulating, married to Gerald Emmerson, at Balcarres United Church, on November 7, 1958.



Lydia Reiger, Warehouse and Mezzanine, was married on November 15th, at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, to George Descalchuk.

Isabella McCormick became the bride of **Bill Amell, D/156,** at a quiet service solemnized November 29, 1958.

RECENT ARRIVALS

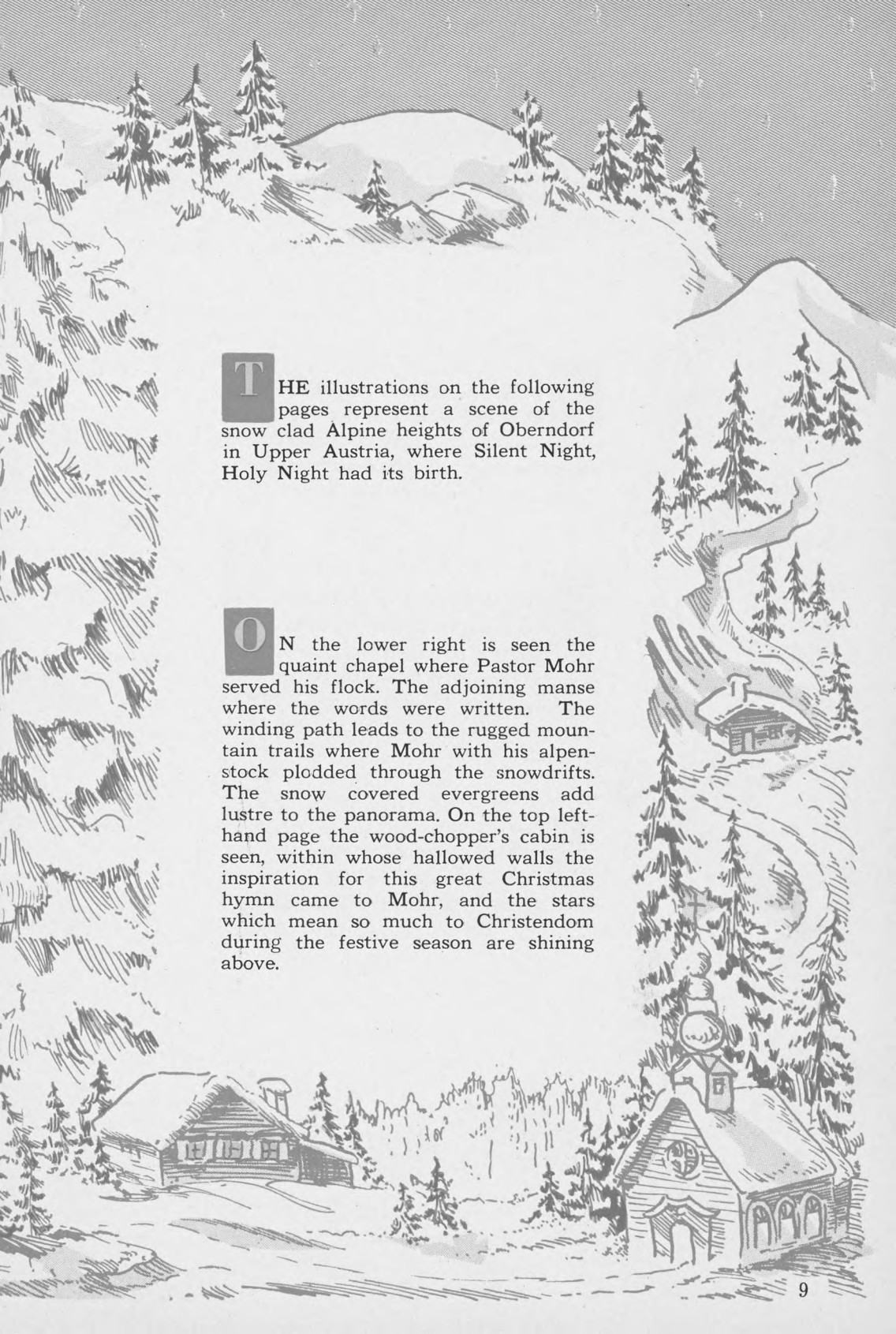


Mr. and Mrs. Harold Harlos announce the arrival of their chosen daughter, Carolyn Elizabeth. Lydia was formerly with the Adjusting Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wilkes are the proud parents of a son, Timothy Scott, born on Nov. 23.

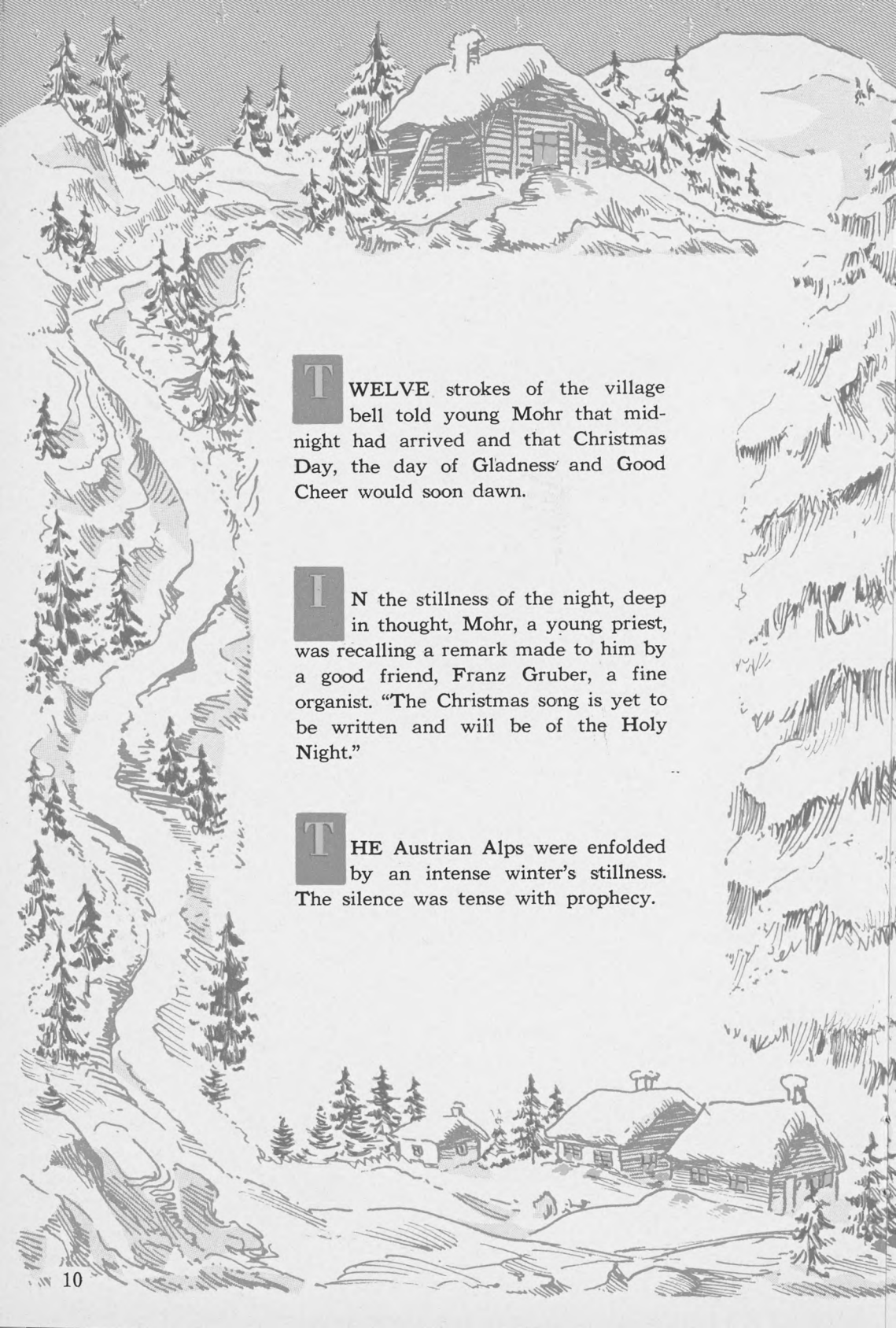
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Novenski became the proud parents of a son Darrell Joseph, born on Nov. 12.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Flaherty, Saskatoon, C.S.O., have become the proud parents of a son, November 26, 1958.



THE illustrations on the following pages represent a scene of the snow clad Alpine heights of Oberndorf in Upper Austria, where Silent Night, Holy Night had its birth.

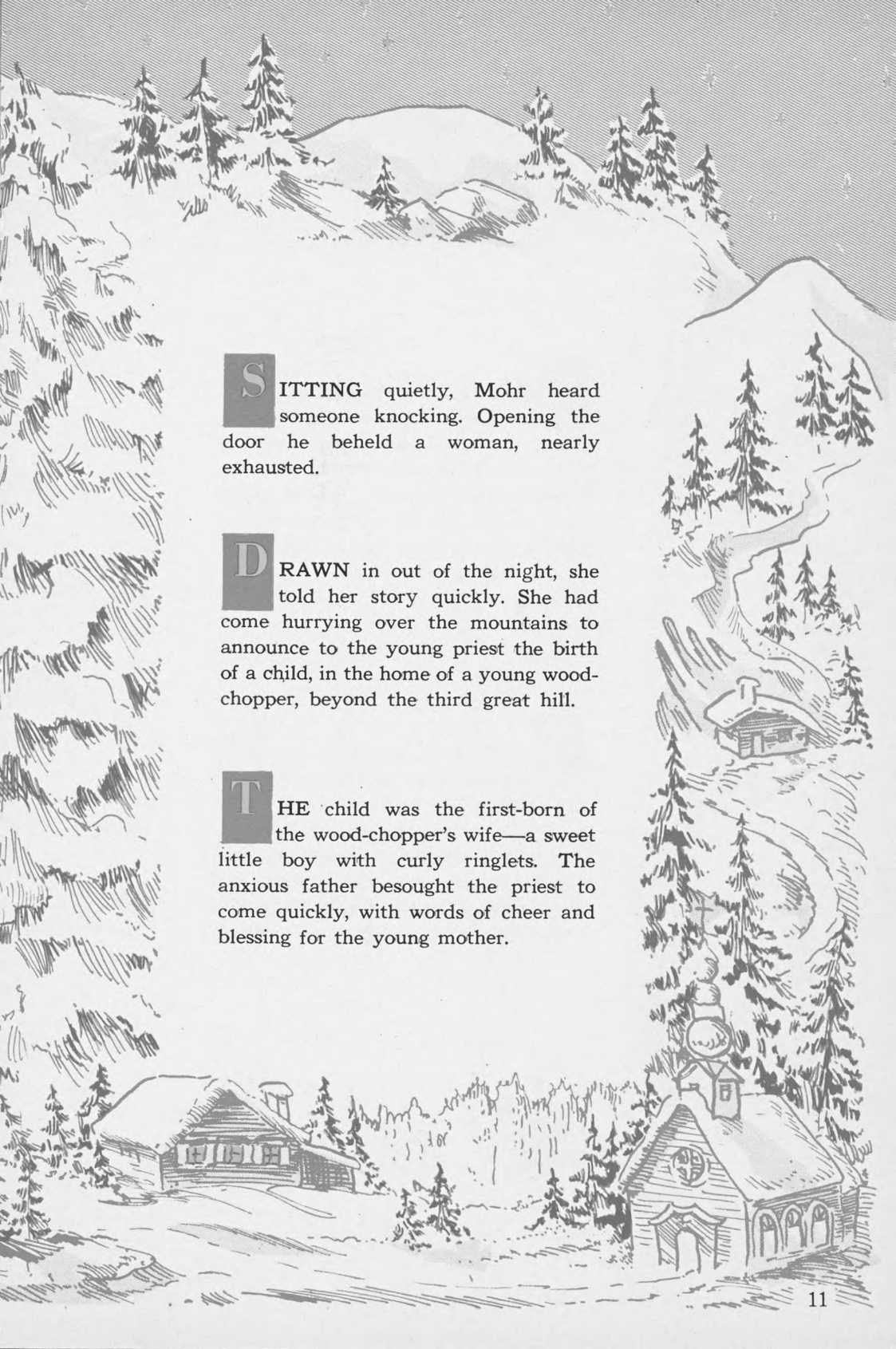
ON the lower right is seen the quaint chapel where Pastor Mohr served his flock. The adjoining manse where the words were written. The winding path leads to the rugged mountain trails where Mohr with his alpenstock plodded through the snowdrifts. The snow covered evergreens add lustre to the panorama. On the top left-hand page the wood-chopper's cabin is seen, within whose hallowed walls the inspiration for this great Christmas hymn came to Mohr, and the stars which mean so much to Christendom during the festive season are shining above.



TWELVE strokes of the village bell told young Mohr that midnight had arrived and that Christmas Day, the day of Gladness and Good Cheer would soon dawn.

IN the stillness of the night, deep in thought, Mohr, a young priest, was recalling a remark made to him by a good friend, Franz Gruber, a fine organist. "The Christmas song is yet to be written and will be of the Holy Night."

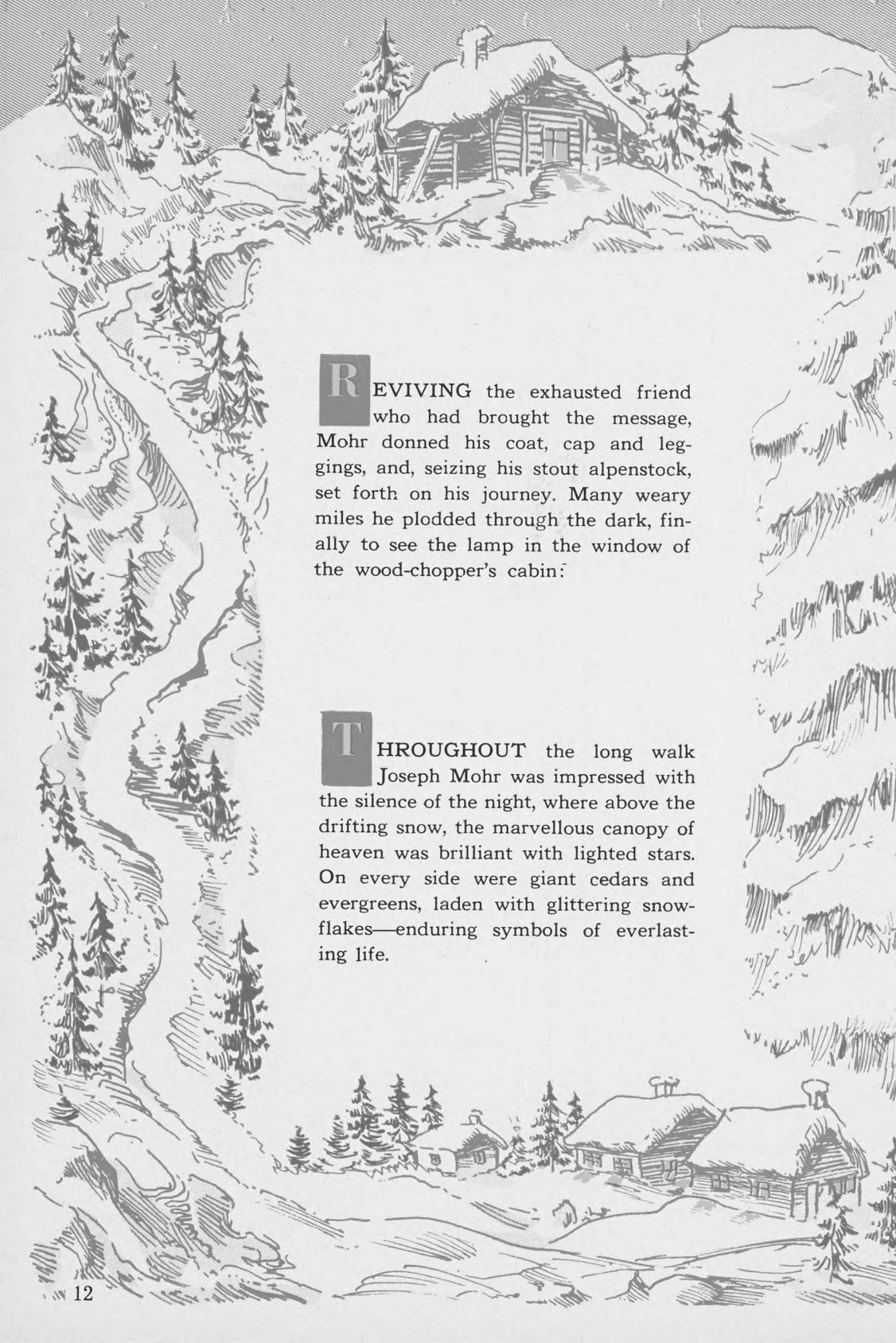
THE Austrian Alps were enfolded by an intense winter's stillness. The silence was tense with prophecy.



SITTING quietly, Mohr heard someone knocking. Opening the door he beheld a woman, nearly exhausted.

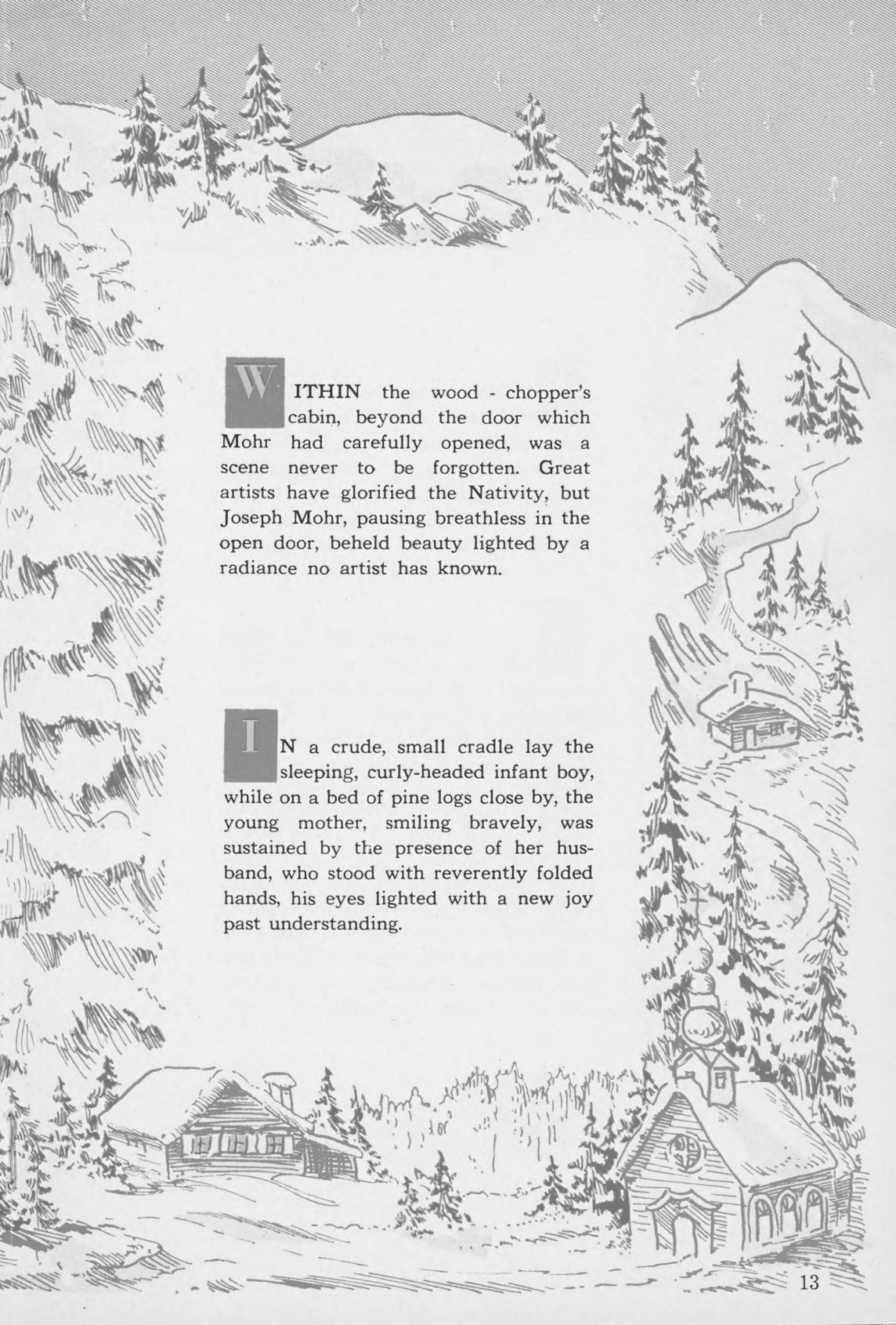
DRAWN in out of the night, she told her story quickly. She had come hurrying over the mountains to announce to the young priest the birth of a child, in the home of a young wood-chopper, beyond the third great hill.

THE child was the first-born of the wood-chopper's wife—a sweet little boy with curly ringlets. The anxious father besought the priest to come quickly, with words of cheer and blessing for the young mother.



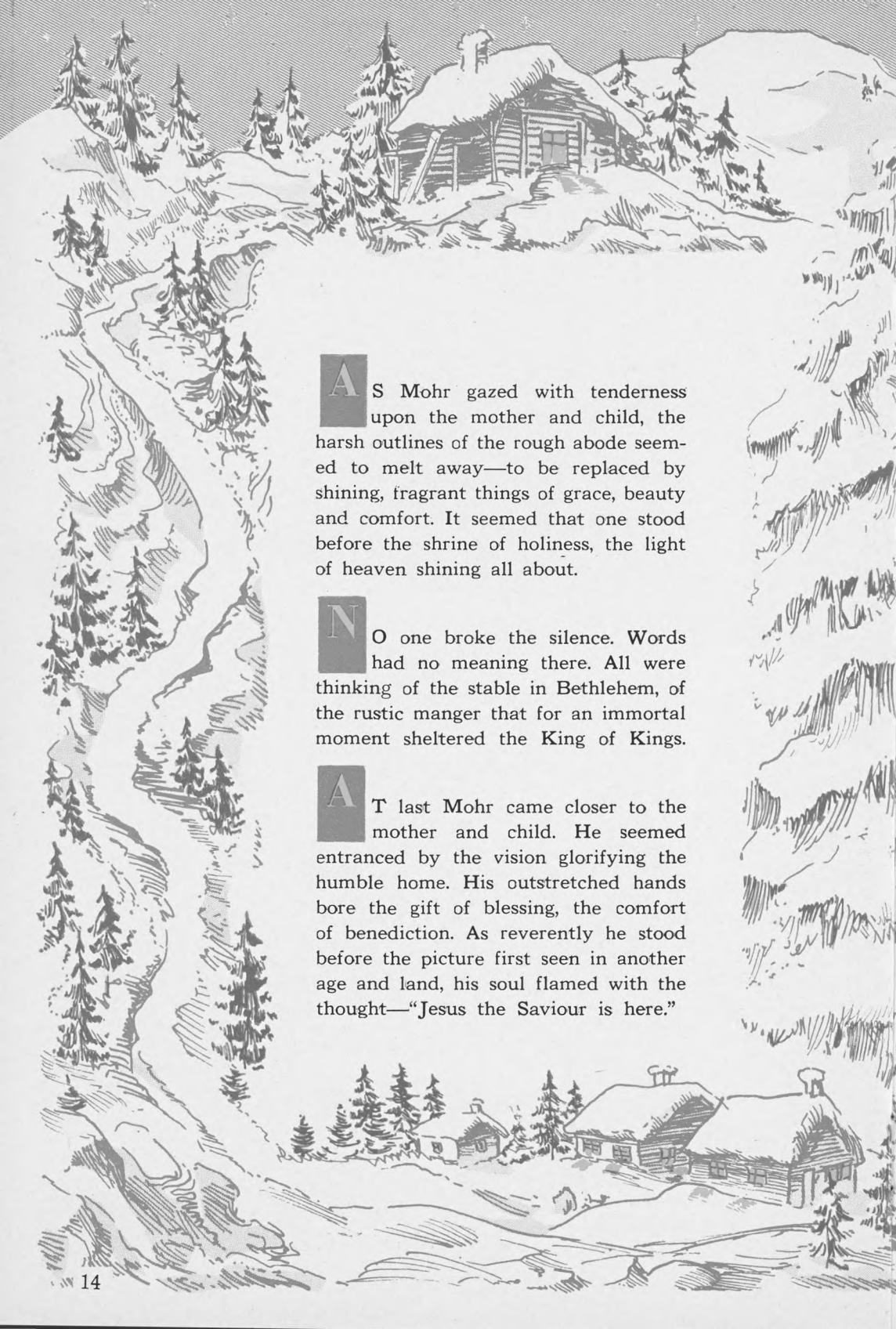
REVIVING the exhausted friend who had brought the message, Mohr donned his coat, cap and leggings, and, seizing his stout alpenstock, set forth on his journey. Many weary miles he plodded through the dark, finally to see the lamp in the window of the wood-chopper's cabin:

THROUGHOUT the long walk Joseph Mohr was impressed with the silence of the night, where above the drifting snow, the marvellous canopy of heaven was brilliant with lighted stars. On every side were giant cedars and evergreens, laden with glittering snowflakes—enduring symbols of everlasting life.



WITHIN the wood - chopper's cabin, beyond the door which Mohr had carefully opened, was a scene never to be forgotten. Great artists have glorified the Nativity, but Joseph Mohr, pausing breathless in the open door, beheld beauty lighted by a radiance no artist has known.

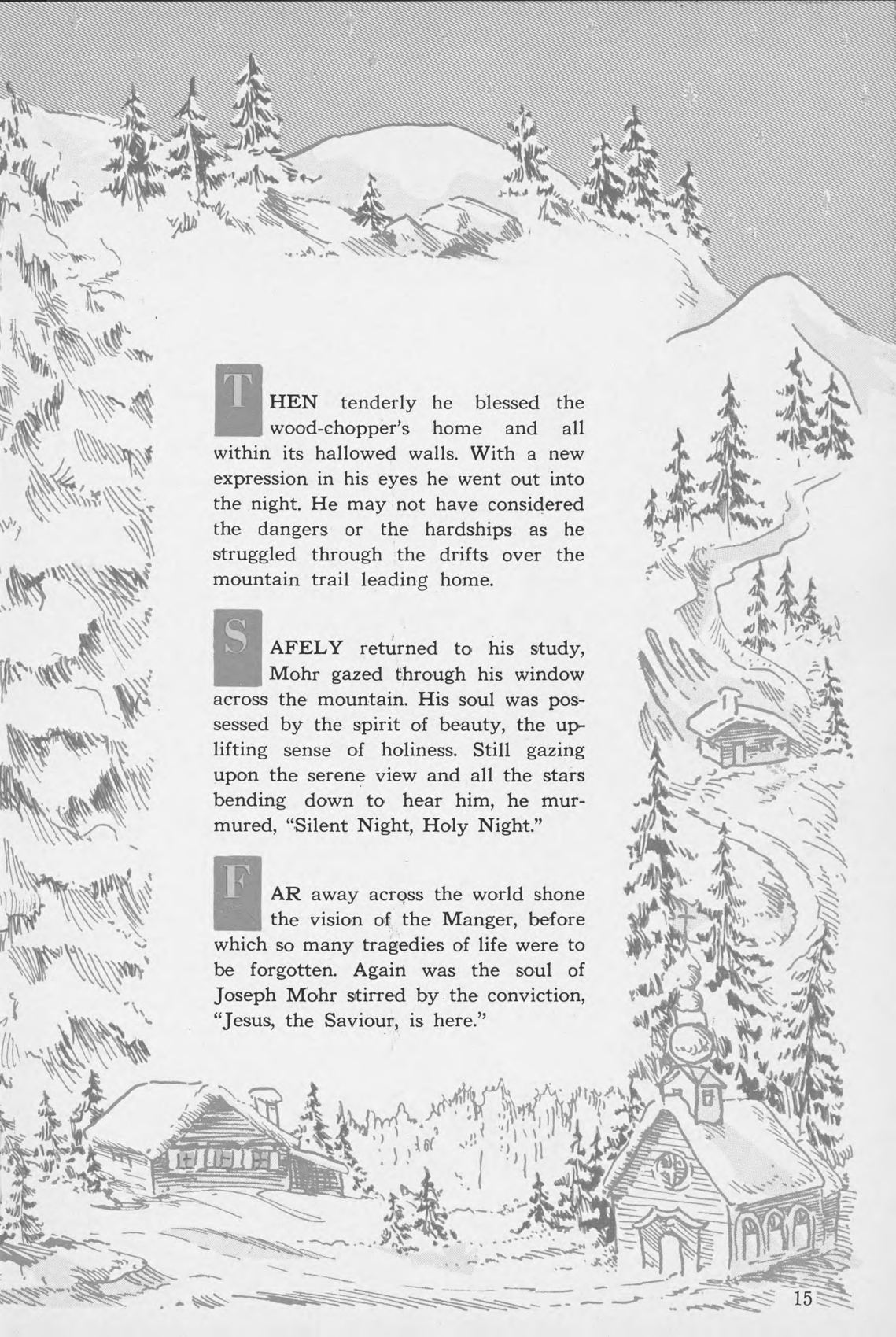
IN a crude, small cradle lay the sleeping, curly-headed infant boy, while on a bed of pine logs close by, the young mother, smiling bravely, was sustained by the presence of her husband, who stood with reverently folded hands, his eyes lighted with a new joy past understanding.



AS Mohr gazed with tenderness upon the mother and child, the harsh outlines of the rough abode seemed to melt away—to be replaced by shining, fragrant things of grace, beauty and comfort. It seemed that one stood before the shrine of holiness, the light of heaven shining all about.

NO one broke the silence. Words had no meaning there. All were thinking of the stable in Bethlehem, of the rustic manger that for an immortal moment sheltered the King of Kings.

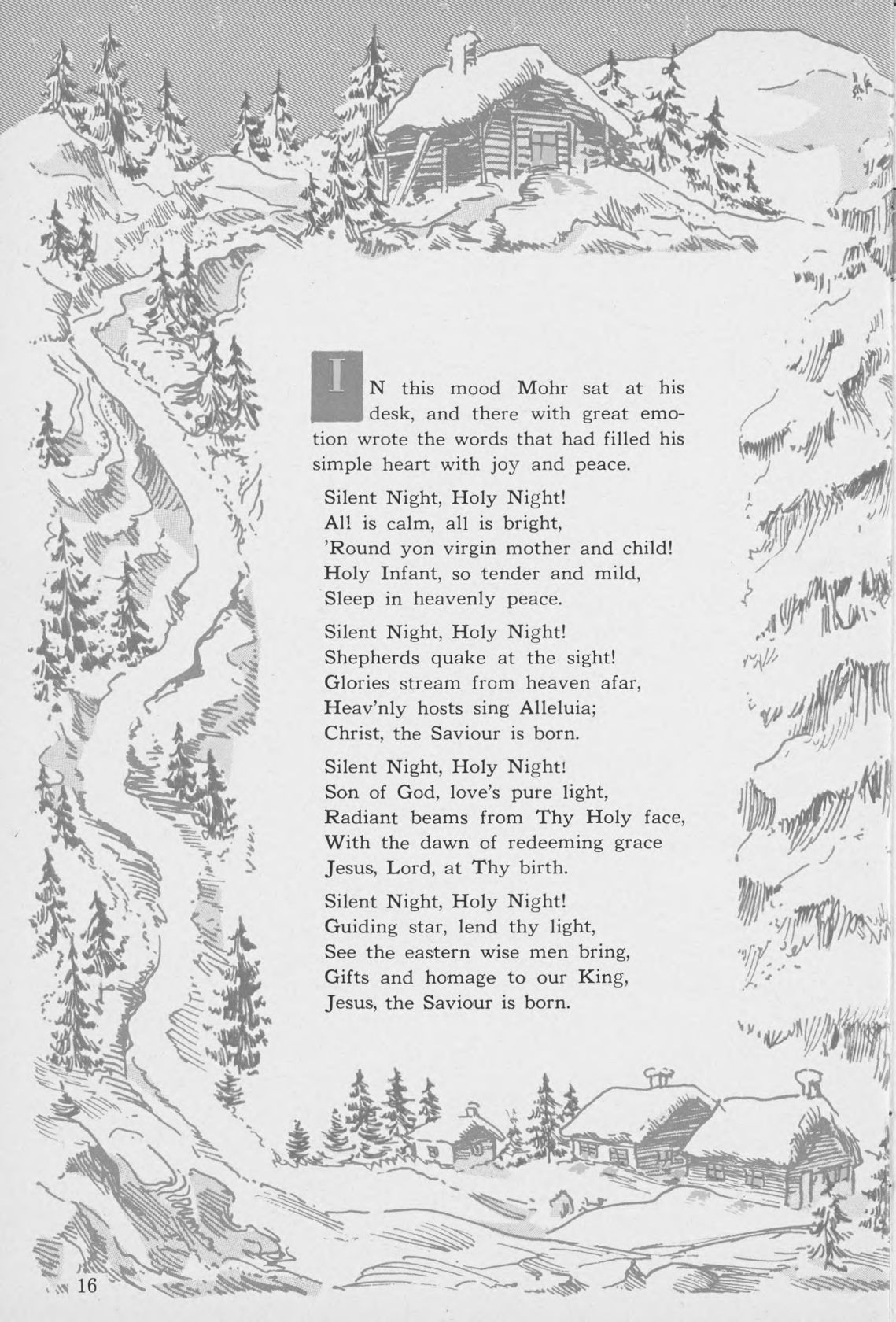
AT last Mohr came closer to the mother and child. He seemed entranced by the vision glorifying the humble home. His outstretched hands bore the gift of blessing, the comfort of benediction. As reverently he stood before the picture first seen in another age and land, his soul flamed with the thought—"Jesus the Saviour is here."



THEN tenderly he blessed the wood-chopper's home and all within its hallowed walls. With a new expression in his eyes he went out into the night. He may not have considered the dangers or the hardships as he struggled through the drifts over the mountain trail leading home.

SAFELY returned to his study, Mohr gazed through his window across the mountain. His soul was possessed by the spirit of beauty, the uplifting sense of holiness. Still gazing upon the serene view and all the stars bending down to hear him, he murmured, "Silent Night, Holy Night."

FAR away across the world shone the vision of the Manger, before which so many tragedies of life were to be forgotten. Again was the soul of Joseph Mohr stirred by the conviction, "Jesus, the Saviour, is here."



IN this mood Mohr sat at his desk, and there with great emotion wrote the words that had filled his simple heart with joy and peace.

Silent Night, Holy Night!
All is calm, all is bright,
'Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent Night, Holy Night!
Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia;
Christ, the Saviour is born.

Silent Night, Holy Night!
Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from Thy Holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent Night, Holy Night!
Guiding star, lend thy light,
See the eastern wise men bring,
Gifts and homage to our King,
Jesus, the Saviour is born.

HERE THERE



Mae Gagnier visited the store after a lengthy stay in the hospital. She is feeling much better and expects to be back to work in January.

We are pleased to hear **Dolly Graham** is doing nicely. We are looking forward to having you back at work. Have a nice Christmas, Dolly.

Sharon Davis was presented with a Silax coffee maker by the Easy Payment Department staff, when she left the Company to be married.

Alice Lang, Freda Nickels, Doris Sewell left for Vancouver on November 26th, where they attended the Grey Cup game.

When **Lydia Harlos** recently left the Company to make housekeeping a full-time job, she was presented with a hassock and brass magazine rack on behalf of the Adjusting Department.

Frank Stojak presented **Shirley Friess** with a lovely bathroom scale when she recently left the Adjusting Department to take up full-time housekeeping.

A surprise baby shower was held at the home of **Lydia Harlos**, in honor of her new little daughter **Carolyn Elizabeth**. Nearly thirty guests enjoyed an evening of games, and presented the baby with both lovely and useful gifts.

Lydia Reiger was presented with an electric frying pan by her friends in the Warehouse and Mezzanine on the occasion of her recent marriage.

Frankie Kuski, Downtown Store, left for Vancouver to attend the Grey Cup game.

Hilde John was presented with a handbag from the staff of 824 Department when she was transferred to the Jewelry Department. Best of luck, Hilde.

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

Watch the bulletin boards and keep in touch with your floor representative for resumption of social evenings. There will be no square dancing but you can enjoy cribbage, whist and bridge.

Mrs. R. Farrell was presented with a gift of American Beauty China from the staffs of 807 and 809 when she was transferred to the Charge Office.

I HAD 12 BOTTLES OF WHISKY FOR XMAS

I had 12 bottles of whisky in my cellar, and my wife told me to empty the contents of each and every bottle down the sink. I said I would, and I proceeded with the unpleasant task.

I withdrew the cork from the first bottle and poured the contents down the sink, with the exception of one glass, which I drank.

I extracted the cork from the second bottle, and did likewise, with the exception of one glass, which I drank.

I withdrew the cork from the third bottle, and poured the whisky down the sink, with the exception of one glass, which I drank.

I pulled the bottle from the cork of the next and drank the sink of it and threw the rest down the glass.

I pulled the sink out of the next glass, and poured the cork from the bottle, then I corked the sink into the glass, bottled the drink and drank the pour.

When I had everything emptied, I steadied the house with one hand, counted the bottles and corks and glasses and sinks with the other, which was 39, and as the house came by, I counted them again, and finally had all the houses and bottles and corks and glasses and sinks counted, except the house and sink which I drank.

I am not as much under the affluence of incohol as some thinkle peep I am.

CHRISTMAS TREE PARTY

Our Social Club, Christmas Tree Party, on December 13th, was the usual huge success and was planned for the entertainment of children. The executive and committee workers must have put many hours of preparation into this labor of love.

The people responsible are to be congratulated on this job well done, as well as the many other projects in which they have a hand.

It would be amiss not to mention the other branches who help. The electricians, the Maintenance, the Display and I am sure others but at the moment they escape me. Thanks just the same. Oh! I know, Santa Claus.

Our Christmas Carolers

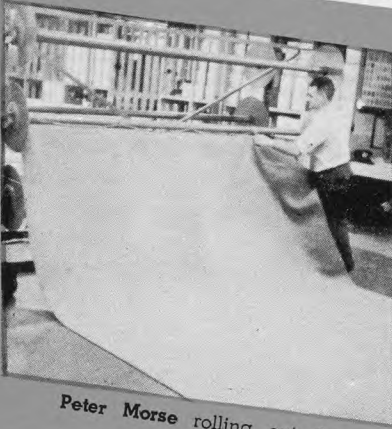
F. Thorolfson, Director
Jack McLean, Organist

Bishop, Florence	Personnel - M. O.
Bishop, A. D.	Retired - Simpson's
Deters, Madeline	Credit Office - Retail
Folk, Joyce	Dept. 836 - Retail
Harwood, Sally	Dept. 888 - Retail
Huggins, E. V.	Advertising - Retail
Janz, Sharon	Dept. 154 - M. O.
Lethbridge, Peter	Dept. 92 - M. O.
Lobsinger, Pat	Dept. 858 - Retail
Terhorst, Mary Anne	Dept. 168 - M. O.
Popp, Peter	Dept. 821 - Retail
Rieger, Terry	Dept. 859 - Retail
Rondeau, E.	Dept. 895 - Retail
Ruecher, Leona	Dept. 859 - Retail

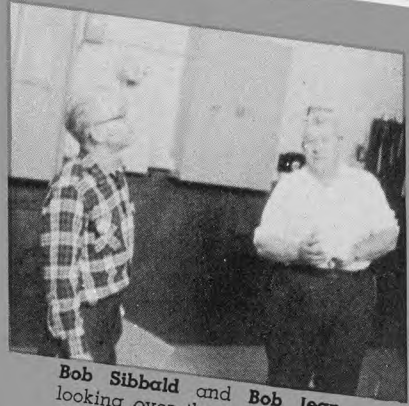


Mang, Carolyn	Dept. 858 - Retail
Manz, S. J.	Dept. 813 - Retail
Martens, J.	Dept. 150 - M. O.
Most, Marlene	Dept. 154 - M. O.
Mueller, Selina	Dept. 150 - M. O.
Shorten, H. B.	Dept. 156 - M. O.
Stephenson, J.	Dept. 855 - Retail
Stroh, A.	Dept. 856 - Retail
Swalm, M.	Credit Dept. - Retail
Wagner, Mary	Dept. 838 - Retail
Welch, V. S.	Credit Office - Retail
Willmott, J.	Maintenance Dept. - Retail
Wright, Beverley	Dept. 192 - M. O.

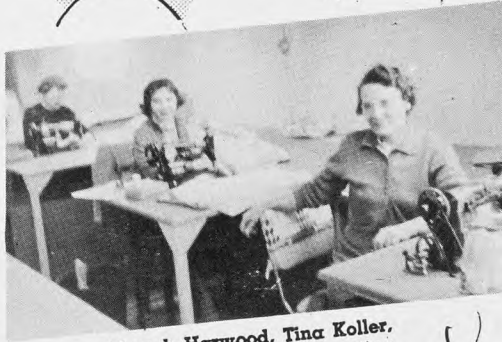
Warehouse Greetings



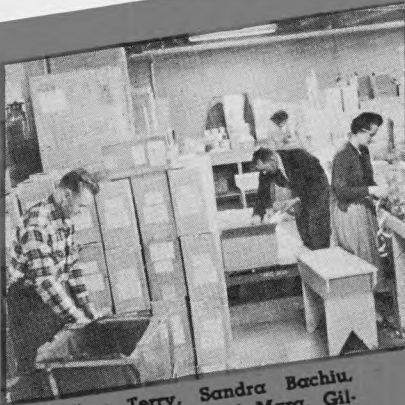
Peter Morse rolling out the carpet.



Bob Sibbald and Bob Jean looking over the boiler room. After all the staff must be kept warm.



Sharah Harwood, Tina Koller, Angelina Selinger getting someones drapes ready for Christmas.



Ray Terry, Sandra Bachiu, Tom Hogelle and Marg. Gilgrey marking drugs at the warehouse.



Michael McCall, Ivy Linford with the toys piled high.



On the Curling

Curling is in its fourth week now and everyone of the curlers are enjoying themselves at the new site. There have been some lop-sided wins and then there were some very close games. The reason for tie games this year is the fact that a new rule has been put into effect that no extra ends be played after regulation time. Following are the standings for each of the groups. You will note that there are some rinks left undefeated.

GROUP A

	W.	L.	T.	Pts.
E. Peachy	3	0	1	7
B. Semple	2	1	1	5
B. Anderson	2	2	0	4
F. Hammond	2	2	0	4
Harold Schneider	2	2	0	4
R. Palmer	2	1	0	4
G. Yellowega	2	2	0	4
H. Bengert	2	2	0	4
J. Stadnyk	2	1	0	4
G. Beuhler	1	3	0	2
Br. Brylak	1	3	0	2
R. Wiley	2	2	0	4
Herb Schneider	1	2	0	2
B. Jean	2	2	0	4
D. Dey	1	2	1	3
M. Baumgartner	2	2	0	4
B. Jolly	1	2	1	3
J. Tames	0	3	1	1

GROUP B

	W.	L.	T.	Pts.
B. Youngson	3	1	0	6
V. Huggins	3	1	0	6
H. Lysack	3	1	0	6
W. Hill	2	1	1	5
R. Senft	2	2	0	4
I. Hume	3	1	0	6
R. Oshaughnessy	3	1	0	6
F. Yerhoff	3	1	0	6
B. Huber	3	1	0	6
A. Witall	1	2	1	3
C. Swift	2	2	0	4
G. Aston	1	3	0	2
S. Larkin	2	2	0	4
A. Fedje	1	3	0	2
C. Adamson	1	3	0	2
J. Amon	1	3	0	2
G. Riehl	1	3	0	2
B. White	0	4	0	0

The standings are based on four games.





Bowling

Team standings in the bowling league as of November 24, 1958. Roy Sauer's Sputniks are on top of the league with 135 points, with Frank Daborn's Alley Cats in second place with 126. The rest of the League shapes up as follows:

May-Do	120
Safety Pins	119
Barrets	113
Head-Pins	118
Roughies	113
To-Follows	86
Wonders	83
Happy Gang	79

MEN

High Single: Stan Larkin	338
High Three: Stan Larkin	807
High Average: Stan Larkin	236

LADIES

High Single: Marg. Garry	322
High Three: Hilda Woolsey	694
High Average: Marion Hines	203

Merry Christmas

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